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**Act now to apply for free trees for your neighborhood and your yard**  
***Applications due on August 21***

SEATTLE - Did you know that the tree canopy in the neighborhoods of Georgetown, Whittier Heights, Ballard, Judkins Park, Beacon Hill, Westwood, and West Seattle is less than 20% and 31 other neighborhoods have less than 30%? The Tree Fund can help!

Seattle Department of Neighborhoods' (DoN) Neighborhood Matching Fund is currently accepting applications for this year's Tree Fund. All it takes is organizing a group of neighbors to plant street trees in your neighborhood. You put in the volunteer time; DoN provides the trees!

Wait, there's more! Every Tree Fund participant has the bonus option of selecting one free cherry or apple tree for their very own. You can help bring more trees to Seattle streets and private yards!

For more information and to download an application, visit our website at: [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/treefund.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/treefund.htm). But act soon! The deadline for applications is August 21.

The Neighborhood Matching Fund Tree Fund works in partnership with Seattle Department of Transportation, Office of Sustainability & Environment, and local community organizations.

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